down above but so that no such variation shall authorize the employment of any woman between the hours 10.00 PM and 5.00 AM.

Further in the liberalized scenario, though there is no violation of working norms, yet, the adjustment/flexibility is being done within the permissible limits.

MoU with China

207. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seven member delegation of China headed by Chinese Vice-Minister on Labour and Social Security visited India recently;

(b) if so, the purpose and the outcome of the visit;

(c) whether a MoU on exchange in employment vocational training and social security was signed during the visit;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to learn more from China from its success in these fields; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. A six member delegation of China headed by Mr. Wang Dongjin, Chinese Vice-Minister on labour and social affairs visited India from 24th to 26th October, 2005.

(b) to (d) A MoU with Government of People's Republic of China was signed on 25th October, 2005 extending an existing MoU for a further period of three years for cooperation in employment, vocational training and social security. The agreement is to broaden the cooperation between the two countries in the field of employment, vocational training and social security. The areas precisely identified are labour and social security legislation, measures and policies of employment promotion, labour relations, policies on vocational training and social security and any other area of mutual interest.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Exchanges of ideas and experience which are mutually beneficial are the objectives to be achieved through the MoU.